Demand	Remarks
7. Restoration of old timings of 343/344 Rajkot Veraval Fast Passenger.	The timings of 343/344 were changed after discussion with the MPs of Saurashtra, and its connection provided with 15/16 Saurashtra Express at Rajkot. Restoration of old timings is, therefore not possible.
8. Additional shuttle service between Wansjaliya and Porbandar.	As even the existing trains are not fully patronised, additional train is not justified.
9. Augmentation of 203/204, 207/208 and 47/48 Passenger trains in Saurashtra.	Broad Gauge Passanger trains like 203/204 Viramgam-Rajkot, 207/208 Vrigam-Okha and 47/48 Okha-Vadodara are having a combined rake link. As the accommodation available is not fully utilised, their augmentation is not justified.
10. Allotment of quota for Rajkot by certain passenger trains.	Since the existing quotas provided to various stations are fully utilised, povision of additional quota at Rajkot can be at the cost of other stations only which will lead to complaints from these stations.
11. Detachment of Dining Car by 15/16 Saurashtra Express at Ahmadabad.	This is being examined.

Replacement of single engine helicopters

2418. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of single engine helicopters are being used in the country for a variety of jobs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that single engine helicopter does not provide adequate level of safety as is provided by a twin engine helicopter; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to eventually replace single engine helicopters by twin engine helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Whereas a single engine helicopter is quite safe, the inherent level of safety of two engine helicopter is surely better.

(c) Till single engine helicopters are quite safe for operation there is no need to replace them with two engine helicopters.

Study group on urban transport system

2419. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a study group to recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available technology;

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken to initiate swift measures to solve the fast deteriorating urban transport problem and whether any allocation has been made under the Seventh Plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Study Group are as under:—

(i) to recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available transport technology;

(ii) to establish parameters for such systems to suit Indian cities and conditions;

(iii) to establish capabilities and costs of various systems manufactured internationally and the expertise and general commercial conditions with which they are available looking at the trade-offs between various alternatives;

(iv) to consider any other issue relevent to the subject.

(c) (i) The Study Group has been to asked to submit its report to the Ministry within 6 months time. Decisions on the recommendations of the Study Group will be taken after its report becomes availble to Government.

(ii) The Seventh Five Year Plan Provides for only completion of ongoing metropolitan transport scheme in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras subject to availability of requisite funds.

'Ribbon' (side road) Development

2420. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether Government has set up a task force to examine a suitable legislation to implement 'Ribbon' (side road) development and whether State Governments have also been asked to sponsor such resolutions to give effect to it for road development, if so, what is the progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Yes. Sir. Only 10 States have so far adopted Resolution under Article 252 (1) of the Constitution authorising the Parliament to enact Central Legislation on prevention of ribbon development along National Highways. Similar Resolution from the remaining States are still awaited.

Handing capacity of Paradip Port

2421. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present capacity of handling of large size vessels by the Paradip Port;

(b) whether it is a fact that the capacity has been reduced because of the sinking of a dredger last year; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for joint efforts by India and South Korea to improve functioning of the Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Paradip Port presently takes vessels of loaded draft of 11.9 M with an LOA of 230 M.

(b) Presently the restriction is only on the LOA of the vessels and not in the draft.

(c) A proposal was received from M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea through MMTC for the development of Paradip Port in order to enable it to receive iron ore carriers upto 1,70,000 DWT loaded to 17 M draft.

दिल्ली के सरकारी अनुदान-प्राप्त विद्यालयों में अध्यापकों के रिक्त-पद

2422. **श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के सरकारी अनुदान-प्राप्त विद्यालयों में अध्यापकों तथा अन्य कर्मचारियों के अनेक पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तथा अनेक अध्यापकों को अभी तक चयन ग्रेड नहीं मिला है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तथा ऐसे कितने अध्यापक हैं जिन्हें चयन ग्रेड नहीं मिला है और ये पद किन-किन विद्यालयों में कितने समय से रिक्त पड़े हैं ;

(ग) शिक्षा निदेशालय, दिल्ली के उस प्राधिकारी का नाम क्या है जो सम्बद्ध विद्यालयों की प्रबन्ध समितियों की सिफारिश के बाद चयन ग्रेड के पदों के सृजन और पदों को चयन ग्रेड के पद बनाने के लिये उत्तरदायी है ; और

(घ) ये रिक्त पद कब भर दिये जायेंगे तथा इन स्कूलों में चयन ग्रेड की मंजूरी कब तक दे दी जाएगी ?